

Little League to host dinner, dance, silent auction fundraiser

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CLEARLAKE — Southshore Little League (SLL) will present “Without a Net,” at a dinner/dance/silent auction fundraiser to be held from 5:30 to 11 p.m. January 23 at the Clearlake Senior/Community Center on Bowers Road. Guests 21 and older are invited.

Local band “Without a Net,” features Konocti Unified School District Superintendent Bill MacDougall and board trustee Herb Gura as well as other district educators.

SLL suffered a hard hit by thieves in 2009. This fundraiser is essential to raising funds to replace \$3,000 worth of equipment that was stolen from the organization.

“We have to do something to replace that all that equipment that was stolen last year,” Jim Peters, league president said. “We only have a couple months before the season starts so we’re in a real crunch to raise some money.”

SLL has found itself the victim of theft and vandalism twice in the past two years. The first hit was to the snack shack. Thieves stole hundreds of dollars worth of items, which the league had depended on for resale profit. The building was also damaged in the incident, which resulted in repair costs for the league.

Last year, the league suffered an even bigger loss when the announcer’s tower was burglarized in November. This time the culprits got away with more than \$3,000 worth of equipment, including public address system and scoreboard equipment.

“Every time something like this happens, it sets the league back and it’s the kids who suffer,” Peters said. “It affects registration costs, our sponsorship program and the ability for the league to provide clinics and other extra events. This fundraiser will help us ensure that the 2010 season provides a full sporting experience for all the children who participate.”

Tickets to the Jan. 23 fundraiser are currently available priced at \$15 apiece. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Foods, Etc. or Wild About Books in Clearlake. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

For more information or to donate to the silent auction, contact SLL President Jim Peters at 246-7293.

League registration dates have been scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 13 and Jan. 23 at Pogo’s Pizza in the Burns Valley Shopping Mall in Clearlake; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 16 and Jan. 23 at Lower Lake High School. Tryouts for baseball and softball will begin on Jan. 31.

Parents intending to register their child should bring one proof of age document as well as three or more documents that show proof of physical residence.

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Lake County’s Lost Boys to perform with national and international independent music acts at Orion Music Festival

Staff reports

PARK CITY, UT – Fifty artists from five different countries have been selected to launch the inaugural Orion Independent Music Festival, taking place Jan. 14 to 20, 2010 in one of the world’s most renowned ski resort towns. Coming from all over the U.S. and Sweden, Chile, Australia, and Canada, the artists represent an array of musical genres.

“We have an exciting line-up of some of the best independent artists today who will perform in Park City’s most popular live music venues,” festival CEO and founder Steffon Olsen said. “Our goal is to revolutionize the music industry by providing an international forum for high-caliber talent to be discovered by music industry professionals and fans alike.”

While all participating music acts are independent, many are quite accomplished and have earned a name for themselves in their home territories and beyond. The Lost Boys of Lakeport is a teenage rock band that has already opened for national acts such as Kelly Clarkson, All-American Rejects, and 3 Doors Down.

Jon Davidson of Portland, OR was runner-up for best male artist of the year at the 2009 Portland Music Awards and has toured in five countries. Singles from his 2008 debut solo album have been played on a variety of radio formats, including modern rock, AAA, and country.

Muza of Santiago, Chile incorporates electronica, rock, and Latin styles into her unique sound. Now touring the U.S., Muza previously won an Independent Music Award for Best Dance/Electronica album in 2006.

The Jeremy Miller Band of Austin, TX, a staple of the Southwest music scene, plays more than 100 shows per year. The band blends country and power rock to make for a gritty, raw sound and high-energy, live performances.

Ali Milner of Whistler, BC, a 19 year-old pianist and vocalist with a full band, recently performed with Michael Bublé.

Nicole “Kole” Christensen of Salt Lake City, UT, a singer/songwriter, has written songs for country music stars and Disney pop bands. She was Miss Utah Teen 2001. In addition to writing and performing music, she is devoted to helping Utah youth.

A complete artist line-up and showcase schedule can be found at www.orionmusicfestival.com.

Festival venues in Park City include Cisero’s, Doolan’s, Downstairs, Flanagan’s, The Sidecar, The Spur Bar & Grill, and The Star Bar. There will also be showcases in Salt Lake City at The Woodshed, Studio 600, and Speakeasy.

Opening ceremonies will be held Jan. 14 at Park City’s historic Egyptian Theater during which Park City Mayor Dana Williams will welcome festival attendees and treat them to some of his own original music.

Foster homes needed for dogs and cats

LAKE COUNTY — Animal Coalition of Lake County is dire need of short term foster homes for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Rita Doyle at 995-0552 or visit her at From Me 2 U on Lakeshore Drive in Clearlake.